

SENATE RESOLUTION 148

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate National Medal of Honor Day
on March 25, 2022.

WHEREAS, dedicated to this nation's courageous Medal of Honor recipients, National Medal of Honor Day is nationally observed every year on March 25th; and

WHEREAS, National Medal of Honor Day has been celebrated since 1991, after President George H. W. Bush signed the authorization, Public Law 101-564, on November 15, 1990; and

WHEREAS, National Medal of Honor Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of the 3,511 men and women in uniform who have earned this nation's highest military honor; and

WHEREAS, each branch of the U.S. military awards the Medal of Honor to those service members who have distinguished themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity" above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, a Civil War mission behind enemy lines that ended just outside Chattanooga provided the date on which National Medal of Honor Day is observed, as six members of Andrew's Raiders received the first six Medals of Honor on March 25, 1863, in recognition of their meritorious service during the Great American Chase; and

WHEREAS, this military event established the incredible heritage of the Medal of Honor, and their similar locations have resulted in Chattanooga being known nationwide as the "Birthplace of the Medal of Honor"; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga is home to the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center; the Center is named as a tribute to Mr. Coolidge, a native and lifetime resident of Hamilton County who was one of the final two living recipients from World War II before his passing in 2021; and

WHEREAS, each year on March 25th, citizens across the United States of America pay tribute to those gallant servicemen and servicewomen who persevered in the worst conditions of war to protect the freedoms that we hold most sacred as a nation; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is always at the forefront of patriotism, and this observance is no exception; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commemorate National Medal of Honor Day on March 25, 2022, and express our gratitude and appreciation for our Medal of Honor recipients and their valiant service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.